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A SHOE, IN PARTICULAR A SHOE FOR SMALL CHILDREN
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Background of the Invention

The present invention relates to a shoe, in particular a shoe for small children, which supports the development of the foot in a natural way and, especially as a shoe when learning to walk, promotes the first steps of a small child.

Related Art

10 Already in German Patent C 10 70 962, it was established that the rotational mobility of the heel part of the sole with respect to the forward part of the sole, in the sense of a wringing, is essential for an undisturbed sequence of development of the foot. In addition, in that publication it is described as known that the insole and/or the outsole of the footwear are provided in the area of the articulated point with cutouts that proceed from the edges of the sole and that are filled by inserts, which are made of a more pliant material than that of the in- or outsole. In the area of the 20 articulated point the width of the sole, which is furnished with the inserts, corresponds roughly to the dimensions that are established by the vertical projection of the foot, so that the foot is protected by the base of the shoe. The overall depth of these cutouts can be smaller than the overall width of the sole in the area of the articulation, the cutouts being wider in the area of the edge of the sole than in the area of the interior of the sole. In place of a single cutout, it is also possible to assign to each edge of the sole a 25 plurality of cutouts running roughly transverse to the longitudinal direction of the sole, whose edges, bordering a cutout, essentially run parallel to each other and whose width corresponds at least to the thickness of the sole.

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On the upper side of the sole is arranged a molded footbed